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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director**

**SUBJECT : Justification for Photographic Coverage  
of Two Highest Priority Targets:  
SEVEROMORSK and MOLOTOVSK**

1. In presenting the attached justification for instituting operations against SEVEROMORSK and MOLOTOVSK, the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee is aware of the fact that the latest justification presentation to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and to the President did not include these two targets. The list submitted at that time (just prior to the operation against KAPUSTIN YAR) is as follows:

KAPUSTIN YAR  
NIZHNAYA TURA  
VERKH NEIVINSK  
KYSHTYM  
SARATOV/ENGELS  
UKRAINA  
CHEPELEVKA  
BELAYA TSERKOV  
VORONEZH  
KUYBYSHEV  
KAZAN

2. It should be explained that the climate in which that justification was prepared was conditioned by the existence of an AQUATONE capability [redacted] and that these two current targets were outside of the range from that staging base. The presentation in that case, therefore, in itself was not intended to contain any judgment whatsoever with regard to the comparative importance of these two targets [redacted]

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5. Recommendation:

a. That an AQUATONE mission or missions as required be carried out to provide photographic coverage of MOLOTOVSK and SEVEROMORSK.

b. That the attached justification be employed as necessary to outline to higher authorities the significance and probable collection consequences of the proposed overflight.

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JAMES Q. REBER  
Chairman

Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Attachment

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1-Project Director w/att cy 1  
2-OACSI w/att cy 2  
3-ONI w/att cy 3  
4-AFCIN w/att cy 4  
5-AFCIN-Z w/att cy 5  
6-NSA w/att cy 6  
7-State w/att cy 7  
8-DD/I(P) w/att cy 8  
9-OCI w/att cy 9  
10-OSI w/att cy 10

11-ESO OSI w/att cy 11  
12-ORR w/att cy 12  
13-IO w/att cy 13  
14-Chief/HTA w/att cy 14  
15-TSO w/att cy 15  
16-PSO w/att cy 16  
17-DD/P w/att cy 17  
18-HTA OCR w/att cy 18  
19-file  
20-chrono